



COMMENT OF THE DAY

Gloomy Prospect

BETWEEN June and October this year, record rainfalls have been recorded in a number of different countries. There have been floods in China, India, Pakistan, Tibet, Persia, Italy, Australia and America. There have been no less than eight hurricanes off the U.S. East Coast, 13 typhoons in the China Sea area and the neighbouring waters of the Pacific. In the last week alone, there has been a cyclonic storm in Italy, a downpour in Singapore, gales and rain in the British Isles and a tropical storm in Sydney. In all millions and millions of gallons of water running wild have killed thousands of people and have caused millions of pounds worth of damage. There is a tragic irony in the fact that Hongkong has had the second driest year on record. Not only that, but it is almost a month since any useful rain fell on the Colony.

'Joe Treated Me Coldly'



MARILYN MONROE

Star Tells Why It All Failed

Hollywood, Oct. 27. Film star, Marilyn Monroe, America's favourite pin-up girl, won an uncontested divorce from Joe Dimaggio today with testimony between sobs that he treated her with "coldness and indifference."

The famous blonde, her voice often breaking with emotion, told Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Orlando Rhodes that the former New York Yankee star was moody and even refused to allow her to have friends in her home.

Judge Rhodes granted the divorce after 15 minutes of testimony.

Miss Monroe, dressed in a tight-fitting black wool suit with a plunging neckline, said, "I voluntarily offered to give up my work in hopes that it would solve our problems—but it didn't change his attitude."

A packed court-room of spectators, Press and attorneys visiting from other sections of the Court building, heard the 29-year-old movie star give her testimony. Tears spoiled her make-up.

"I hoped to have out of my marriage love, warmth, affection and understanding," she said, "but the relationship was one of coldness and indifference."

The divorce ended one of the year's most celebrated marriages—one which only lasted nine months. Miss Monroe filed her suit on October 5, just one day following the break-up of the popular couple.

GET INTO MOODS

"My husband would get into moods when he wouldn't speak to me for periods of sometimes 10 days," she continued.

"If I would try to reproach him usually he wouldn't answer at all. When he would he would say, 'leave me alone.'"

Marilyn's corroborating witness, Inez Melson, testified that Dimaggio would push Marilyn away when she tried to show affection for him and would say, "Don't bother me,"—United Press.

Court Of Inquiry Report Urges Compromise Plan For Overtime Work
GOVERNMENT CALLS MEETING

London, Oct. 27.

A Government Court of Inquiry laid down an urgent compromise formula tonight as the last hope for a peaceful ending to the crippling dock strike which is beginning to threaten Britain with food shortages and widespread unemployment.

At the same time, the Ministry of Labour called a meeting of labour and management representatives with the Ministry arbitration officials for tomorrow morning in a new attempt to come to some settlement.

The Government laid the Court of Inquiry report before the strike leaders and the British Parliament in a last attempt to get the men back to work before calling in troops to unload the food and vital materials rotting in idle ships.

It came as the Postmaster General warned of increasing delays in surface mail overseas and appealed to the public to mail as little as possible. Christmas packages and cards overseas may be delayed, he said.

The Court of Inquiry recommended a compromise formula for working overtime—the issue which set off the crippling strikes now tying up most of Britain's major ports.

The Court found that the Stevedores Union's demand for the abrogation of compulsory overtime constituted an infringement of the collective bargaining agreement.

However, the commission agreed that dockers had the right to submit to an arbitration commission their complaint that they were required "to put in excessive time."

UNION CRITICISED

The report criticised the main union involved, the National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers, which has brought 10,000 members out on an official strike. The court ruled that the union had broken agreements by imposing a ban on overtime this year.

Its report said: "We cannot help wondering whether those workmen who... sincerely feel that compulsory overtime is wrong in principle have seriously reflected upon the grave significance of disregarding both the conciliation agreement which their representatives have signed... and also the dock scheme itself, which was worked out with so much care and approved by Parliament in 1947 for the general benefit of the industry, including those who turn their livelihood in it."

On the issue of compulsory overtime, the court said there was an obligation on the individual workman to work overtime, but only if and to the extent that it is reasonable for him to do so, having regard to all the circumstances of the case."

The report said the issue between the employers and the strikers was a "narrow one which should be capable of solution without difficulty by the established industrial negotiating machinery."

'FIGHT ON' MOOD

Strike leaders were in a defiant "fight on" mood tonight. They seemed certain to carry on the country's worst dock stoppage since 1920 in the face of "back to work" appeals by the Government and moderate union chiefs.

The strike, now in its fourth week, lost little momentum today and more than 43,000 stayed away from work, tying up 343 vessels in eight key ports. At the same time, there was still no break in a parallel strike of 8,000 ship repair workers in London, who have caused a month old stoppage of work on 100 more ships.

U.S. Fleet Biggest In The World

London, Oct. 28.

Jane's Fighting Ships, recognised authority on the world's navies, today declared that the United States Navy is "equal to all the major navies of the world put together," and was the largest peace-time fleet ever maintained by any country.

It listed the present strength of the United States Navy as including 101 fleet and escort carriers, 15 battleships, 75 cruisers, 737 vessels of the destroyer and destroyer escort type, 200 submarines, 347 minelayers and minesweepers, 150 patrol vessels, and 3,375 auxiliary ships, amphibious vessels and service craft—a total of 5,000 vessels.

The report said the American Navy appeared to be adopting new technological advances somewhat more rapidly than any other.

The launching of guided missiles from warships is now fast accomplishing as far as the U.S. is concerned, but considerable further development of these weapons and study of their strategic and tactical use are required before any final decision can be made as to the most suitable sea-going launching platform.

RUSSIA'S FORCE

Jane's reported that Russia is building up a "substantial force" of cruisers, destroyers and submarines. It said that there were 12 new "Sverdlov" class 12,500-ton cruisers completed or being completed, with another six under construction. With these, Russia now had 26 cruisers with the prospect of 32 in the near future.

Jane's gave the number of Russian destroyers as 138, and estimated the Soviet submarine fleet as between 370 and 400. It declared "a large number of ocean-going, long-range Russian submarines are known to have been completed and commissioned for service recently."

CHINESE WARSHIPS

Jane's gave the following new figures of the opposing Chinese Nationalist and Communist fleets: Nationalists—nine destroyers; 20 frigates; three gunboats; 12 fast minesweepers; four patrol boats; one minelayer; and 45 other landing, repair, auxiliary and transport craft. Communists—two light cruisers; 10 frigates; five gunboats; one patrol boat; one minelayer; 21 river gunboats; 45 motor torpedo boats; one constant speed motor boat; and 10 landing craft.

The dock strike now holding up imports and exports worth more than £100,000,000 has hamstringing more than two-thirds of the nation's maritime trade.

The strikers have already lost more than £1,000,000 in wages—but they voted to carry on the strike today at two meetings in London.—United Press, France-Press & Reuters.

NEWSPRINT RATIONING

London, Oct. 27. Britain's newsprint rationing Committee announced today that, as a result of the dock strike, allocation of newsprint to newspapers will be cut by 25 per cent from next Saturday.

This will mean that the majority of Britain's national newspapers will be cut to an average six pages, instead of eight.

The announcement said "as serious losses of supply have already occurred, the reduction in paging will apply through the week whether or not the dock strike ends in the meantime."—Reuters.

HK MACHINERY

Mr S. S. Knowles, Government Press Officer, said this morning that the British Dock strike was not affecting any major Public Works Department projects in the Colony at the moment.

In response to queries as to whether the strike had held up machinery ordered from the United Kingdom by the P.W.D., Mr Knowles said: "We have orders on hand as we always do, but there is nothing immediate to worry about."

French Mayor Bans 'Saucers'

Avignon, Oct. 27. The town of Chateaufort, Neu-du-Pape, famed for its strong and excellent wine, may become the first town to ban the flying saucers from landing within its limits.

The Mayor, Lucien Joune, has issued a decree which has been approved by the prefect of the district and which comes into force today. It runs as follows: Article 1. The flight, landing or take-off of aerial machines known as flying saucers or cigars, of whatever nationality they may be, is forbidden on the territory of the commune.

Article 2. Any flying machine, known as flying saucer or cigar, which lands on the territory of the commune, will be immediately impounded.

The village police have been entrusted with seeing that this order is carried out.—France-Press.

New Talks On Disarmament

New York, Oct. 27. With a show of unity rarely seen in the United Nations, the Political Committee of the General Assembly today approved with acclamation a proposal jointly sponsored by the West and the Soviet Union calling for a resumption of closed-door negotiations on disarmament.

The proposal will now go to a plenary session of the General Assembly for final approval.—Reuters.

Tug Feared Lost In Huge Gale

Capetown, Oct. 28.

The French tug Faidherbe was definitely thought to have foundered today in a gale some 50 miles off Mossel Bay in the Cape Province and it was feared its crew of 14, including immigrants bound for Australia, went down with the ship.

The Capetown search tug St Stephens reported by radio that a lifeboat and some wreckage had been found but could not be identified.

The South African Air Force meanwhile called off its search and said it would not resume it unless there was at least the "remote" reason to believe that some of the ship's complement might still be alive.

The 260-ton vessel, slowed down by leaking boilers, was believed to have been overwhelmed by big seas as she lay helpless in the giant waves.

Friends of Captain Hearn, skipper of the Faidherbe, recalled how he told them when he was in Capetown earlier this month: "This is my last trip."

The cargo ship Clan Stewart arrived in Port Elizabeth yesterday seven hours behind schedule after a vain search for the missing tug. The Stewart's first officer said a westerly gale was blowing and the ship had a terrible pounding. Furniture and crockery were flung about and 70 glasses were broken in the galley.

"Chairs and tables were flying in all directions and the captain could not get to his office. The disabled tug would have little hope in those seas," he said.—United Press.

Suspension Of Assembly 'Illegal'
NEW PAKISTAN JUNTA FACES FIRST CHALLENGE

From The Times Correspondent

Karachi, Oct. 27.

The President of Pakistan's Constituent Assembly, Maulvi Tamizuddin said today the suspension of the Assembly by the Governor-General was an illegal act. He said that with other members of the Assembly he was prepared to contest it in the courts.

The new Government was an "irresponsible junta," he said, and it had created the danger of a military dictatorship. It was also an illegal body because two new ministers were not members of the Assembly as was required by law.

He affirmed that the drafting committee had completed the draft constitution bill on Monday and that it would come before the Constituent Assembly tomorrow. He had not cancelled the meeting and assumed that those members who were in the Capital would meet in the Chamber tomorrow afternoon.

If they did, the bill would be presented and the Assembly would adjourn.

Not Dissolved

Apart from the legalities of the Governor-General's action he saw no reason why the Assembly should not meet. It had not been dissolved (in last Sunday's proclamation the Governor-General said the Assembly as at present constituted had lost the confidence of the people and could no longer function), although he expected a dissolution order would be made soon. If the Assembly was not allowed to meet tomorrow he and other members would consider taking action against the Governor-General. They could either

apply for a writ or a declaration of illegality which would include the injunction against the Governor-General, Ghulam Mohammed to prevent his interference with the legal activities of the Constituent Assembly which was a sovereign body.

Whatever the legal position, the new Government seems determined to stop the Constituent Assembly from meeting. Today the Assembly building was surrounded by armed Police and others lined its broad stone verandah.

Police Orders

A Police Officer said he had been ordered to stop members from entering. The inside doors of the Chamber were locked and police with rifles and bayonets stood on guard.

Should members, who certainly will almost all be Bengalis, attempt to meet it could create a serious situation for the new Government. At present its legal authority rests to a degree upon ambiguity and acquiescence. It has yet to disprove formally the Assembly and should affected members fail to protest, it will be in a fairly secure position to proceed.

Undignified Scuffles

On the other hand should members try to hold the meeting tomorrow it could lead to some undignified scuffling before the Assembly building and perhaps determined opposition.

Much will depend upon how tomorrow's meeting—if it is held—is handled. While opposition to the new Government is a prize many of the Bengali members who can no longer claim to represent their province, they are still members of an Assembly which has not been formally dissolved and which, they claim, cannot be dissolved.

The new Government met for the first time this morning. It will meet again tomorrow.—The Times News Service (Copyright).

MOUNTBATTEN MADE FIRST SEA LORD

London, Oct. 28.

Admiral Earl Mountbatten is to be Britain's First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, the Admiralty announced today.

This is the British Navy's highest service post. Lord Mountbatten will take over from Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Rhoderick McEggor, in March, 1955.

Earl Mountbatten of Burma—uncle of the Duke of Edinburgh—is at 54 the third youngest Sea Lord to be appointed for 50 years.

As Viceroy of India after the war, Earl Mountbatten played a big part in the transfer of power to the Indians. In 1952, he was

made in the Royal Navy—vowed to vindicate his father by becoming First Sea Lord himself.

None of his previous honours has meant so much as the new post announced for him today. And it was approved by the same man who reluctantly had to accept his father's resignation—Sir Winston Churchill, now Prime Minister.—Reuters.



EARL MOUNTBATTEN

appointed Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean. The next year he took on the additional new post of Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces, Mediterranean.

BORN IN REDBURN, England, today is the story of a boy's pledge 40 years ago that he would redeem the honour of his father.

Earl Mountbatten, who during the war was Supreme Allied Commander in Southeast Asia, is the son of the late Prince Louis Francis of Battenberg who was Britain's first sea lord when the first world war broke out.

Because of his German name and German ancestry, public prejudice forced him to resign.

YOUNG TO VINDICATE The Navy Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, said today that the present Earl Mountbatten was a young

More Pickets Planned For Queen Mother

New York, Oct. 27.

The American Irish Minute Men announced this afternoon that they would picket the Queen Mother on at least three more occasions during her visit here.

"But the picketing is specifically directed against the presence of the British troops in Ireland and not against the Queen Mother herself," said Judge Matthew Troy, a leader of the organization. "She has been conspired to come here for propagandistic purposes. Queen Mary never allowed herself to be used as propaganda."

"Our only purpose is to focus attention on the fact that British troops are in Ireland."

Pickets will be out in force on the evenings of October 30, November 1 and November 3. On the 30th the Queen Mother will be attending the Charter dinner of Columbia University in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria. On November 1 she is to attend a ball of the Associated Commonwealth Societies at the Seventh Regiment Armory on Park Avenue while on November 3 she will be the guest of honour at a dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria sponsored by the English Speaking Union.

Queen Elizabeth II, with Frank Sinatra, the English artist, at her side. She smiled with obvious amusement as she obeyed the unrelenting orders of photographers, one of whom even called her "Miss."

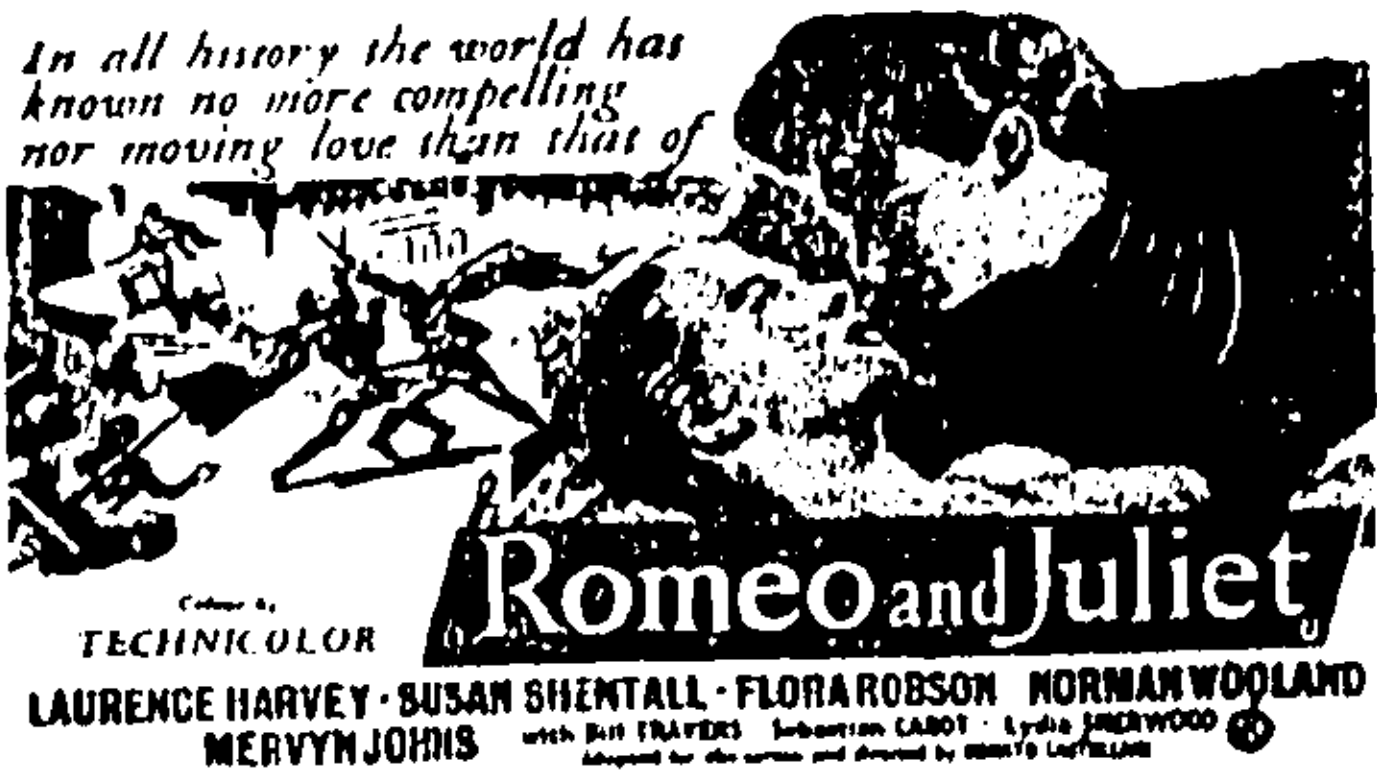
"Just a little closer to the picture, miss," he said. "Too much profile, Your Highness, eh, er, Your Majesty," shouted another.

The Queen obligingly followed their directions. Later she unveiled a specially commissioned portrait of her daughter, Queen Elizabeth II, her first formal engagement at the White House—United Press and Reuters.

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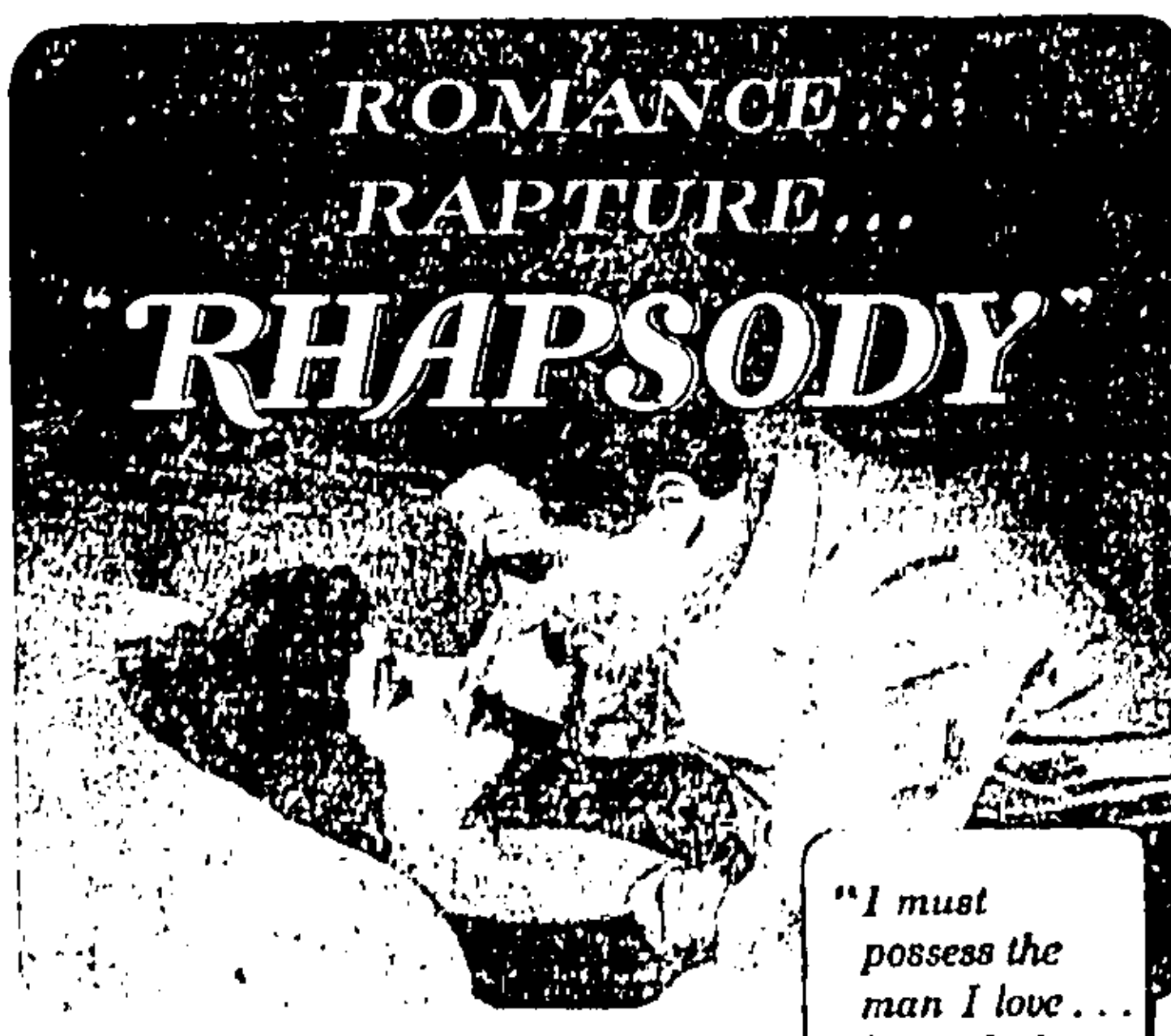
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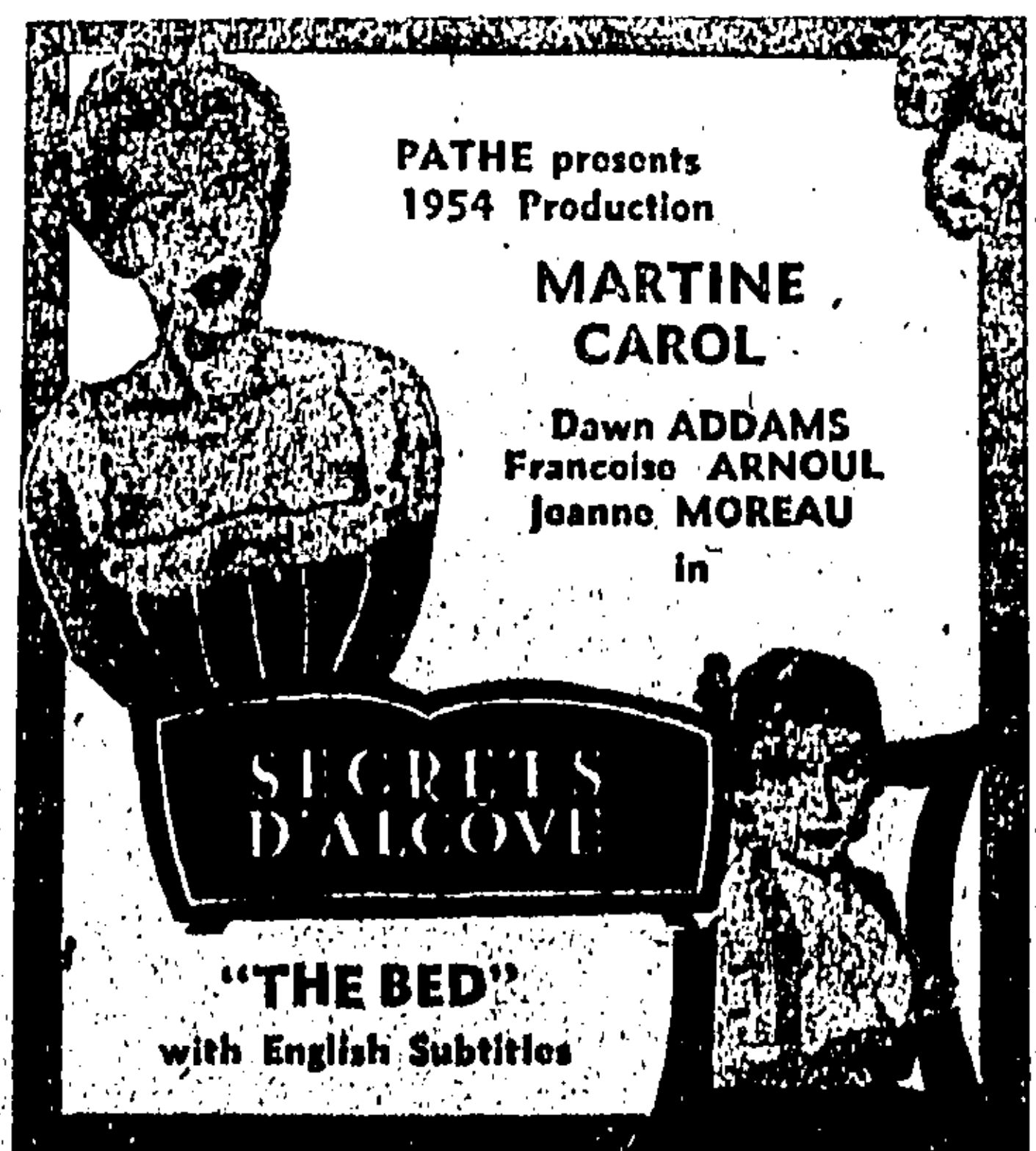
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FRENCH SOCIALISTS DO NOT

OBJECT TO GOVT POLICY

Invitation To Join Mr France's Cabinet

Paris, Oct. 27.

French Socialist leader Guy Mollet conferred for two hours this evening with Premier Pierre Mendes-France on the Premier's request for Socialist participation in his Government.

M. Mollet, who is the Secretary-General of the Socialist Party, said in a statement to pressmen that his party had "no major objection" to the Government's programme as outlined by the Premier.

However, he noted a number of difficulties with regard to obtaining an early decision by the party to authorise six of its members, who have received direct invitations from M.

Mendes-France, to join the cabinet. M. Mollet left the Chateau de La Celle Saint-Cloud, outside Paris, where the interview took place, to report to the Executive Committee of the Party.

The committee is expected to decide at its meeting tonight on party machinery it will put in motion to determine the Socialist position on entering the Government.

Premier Mendes-France was understood to have pressed for a decision as rapidly as possible, noting that the Socialists should now have all the information necessary for a decision.

M. Mollet told newsmen that "the country" might have difficulty in understanding a Socialist decision to participate in November, since as early as December 10 the question of remaining in the Cabinet would arise because the Socialists would then have to decide on whether to support the Paris agreement negotiated by M. Mendes-France—France-Press.

Franco-German War Victims Agreement

Paris, Oct. 27.

West Germany has agreed to give all possible aid to a French mission which will exhume and transfer to France the bodies of French war victims, especially deportees. The mission will have access to civil archives, cemeteries, crematoriums, hospitals, courts, prisons and labour lodging and food offices.

These are the terms of a convention signed on Saturday by the West German Chancellor, Dr. Adenauer, and the French Premier, M. Mendes-France, published here today. The convention will be applied after it is approved by the West German Bundestag (Upper House) and on condition that the convention on relations between West Germany and the three Western occupying powers is in force.

Under a second convention, to come into effect at the same time France agrees to look after German military graves in France. Germany gives a similar guarantee regarding French military graves on its territory.—Reuter.

Little Hope For Missing Aircraft

Nice, Oct. 27.

Search parties today virtually abandoned hope of finding survivors of a missing United States Army plane in France's Alpine "aircraft graveyard."

The plane, a C-47 transport, disappeared on Sunday with 21 Americans aboard, while en route from Italy to England.

Reports of wreckage sightings proved to be the skeletons of World War II B-17 Flying Fortresses.

But 24 planes and two helicopters assembled from France, Germany and Africa and took off at dawn to take in Alpine wind currents between towering snow-tipped peaks on a mission which search headquarters said now seemed hopeless.

IDENTIFIED

In quick succession rescue workers identified the remnants of three separate planes which had been sighted in the Alps north-east of Nice.

Two American officers and a French mountain climber who spent last night within a half mile of a plane 7,300 feet above sea level in Mont Bego said today that the aircraft was a wartime Flying Fortress.

They found no trace of bodies and no papers in the twisted fuselage. Two other planes sighted yesterday turned out to be a wartime German Messerschmitt and another Flying Fortress.—United Press.

Athens, Oct. 27.

Excavations are to begin soon under the Acropolis at Athens to search for crypts believed to contain valuable treasures.

Experts from the Athens Museum who led the digging believe that a legendary treasure, the golden Athena Parthenon statue, may be found.—Reuter.



Young red-headed actress Adrien Corri shown arriving at the Leicester Square Theatre, London, for the first night of her first big British film, "Lease of Life." Adrien is escorted by three men, a bodyguard provided by her studio following threats on her life. — Reuterphoto.

Eisenhower Declares Adenauer A Great Statesman

Washington, Oct. 27.

President Eisenhower said today that he considered West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, due to arrive here this afternoon, as one of the great statesmen of modern times.

The President said he would be very happy to welcome the German leader.

Mr. Eisenhower told his press conference that reports he had received on the eve of the United States Congressional elections indicated that he, personally, was not an issue in this campaign. He said the reports had shown a great deal of apathy on the part of the public.

In reply to a question, the President said the U.S. attitude on the question of sending an ambassador to the Vatican had not changed. The U.S. does not at present have an ambassador to the Vatican.

On the subject of the elections, Mr. Eisenhower said that one of the reasons advanced to him for the apathy of the American voters was that they had obtained what they expected from the Republican administration, and therefore had no reason to express their desires.

The President dissociated himself from the recent injection of the Communist issue into the

campaign of certain Republican candidates. He indicated that from his point of view, this question ought not enter into the election controversy, and that the elections should be based on the results of his Administration.

NOT COMPROMISED

The President said he did not feel that U.S. nuclear superiority had been compromised by recently announced Soviet atomic experiments.

Finally, the President attributed the recent reduction in unemployment in the U.S. to a general upswing of business. He maintained this point of view even though a journalist said that a Commerce Department communiqué had quoted "seasonal" factors as the reason for the reduction.

The unemployment issue was one of the most important in the election campaigns.—France-Press.

Shoppers' Rabbit Ban

Is Hitting Dollar Trade

Fewer Furs From Trappers

London, Oct. 27.

Britain's housewives, by their unwillingness to buy rabbits which may be infected with myxomatosis, are causing difficulties for the dollar-earning rabbit-fur industry.

"Doctors have said that it is not dangerous to eat a rabbit infected with the disease," said the spokesman for the industry today, "but the housewives have a psychological aversion."

"Trappers are not going out for rabbit skins when there is no market for the flesh, and the fur industry is starting to feel the pinch."

The spokesman said many London manufacturers were receiving greatly reduced quantities of fur for hats. Britain usually exported each year finished and partly finished hats worth about £3,350,000, and raw skins—mainly to the United States—worth £1,000,000.

The effect of myxomatosis on the hat trade would be small in the current year, but the trappers must be encouraged to bring more rabbits into the market.

A London dress fur manufacturer said, the spread of myxomatosis in England would have a negligible effect on his industry. "The skins of British rabbits are not used for dress furs," he said. "We prefer the well-known Australian wild rabbit furs or the tame French rabbit furs."—London Express Service.

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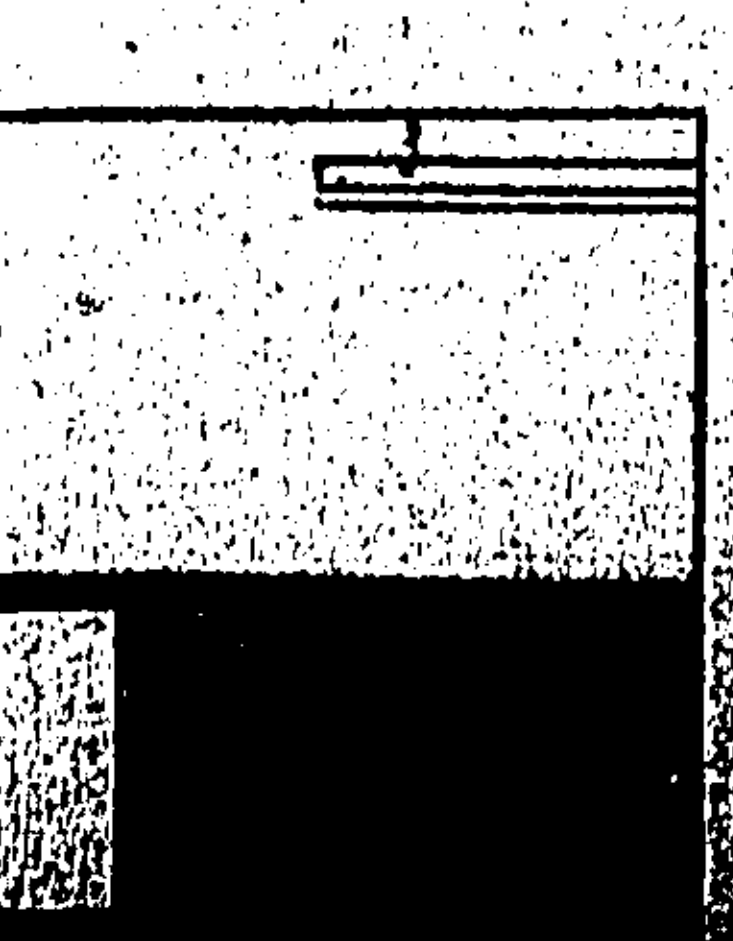
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U.N. DISARMAMENT AGREEMENT

Unanimous Approval For Special 5-Nation Committee

DRAFTING OF TREATY

United Nations, Oct. 27.

The United Nations Political Committee adopted unanimously today a proposal that a special five-nation committee start work on a world disarmament agreement.

The United States, Canada, Britain, France and Russia will make up the special committee, which technically is a sub-committee of the U.N. Disarmament Commission.

All five nations sponsored the resolution, under which actual work is to start on the drafting of a treaty calling for worldwide reduction of armaments and the outlawing of nuclear weapons.

Under the Political Committee's procedure, the Disarmament Commission will be asked to convene the special committee. The Western allies got the co-operation of the Soviet delegate, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, in agreeing to the resolution, which Canada first sponsored.

DRAFT CONDITIONS

The resolution provides that the special committee shall seek agreement on a draft disarmament convention calling for:

1. "The limitation and major reduction of all regulated armed forces and all conventional armaments."

2. "The total prohibition of the use and manufacture of nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction of every type, together with the conversion of existing stocks of nuclear weapons for peaceful purposes."

3. "The establishment of effective international control, through a control organ with rights, powers and functions adequate to guarantee the effective observance of the agreed functions of all armaments and armed forces and the prohibition of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction, and to ensure the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes only."

United States, Canadian, British, French and Russian delegates will get together on the question of starting the special committee to work. A joint British-French disarmament proposal and a separate Russian disarmament proposal will provide the basis for the Committee's work.

In prospect are months of difficult negotiation. The Western delegates and Russia are far apart on two vital questions—the method of reduction of land, sea and air forces and the establishment of controls which would prevent cheating.

Russia wants a reduction of ordinary or conventional armaments by percentages. This would mean that Russia, with its enormous army and air force, would remain and be confirmed as the greatest military power in the world.

in the world in point of conventional weapons.

NO INSPECTORS

Russia also opposes vehemently the imposition of controls which would permit inspectors to visit its factory and nuclear energy installations to see whether it is complying with its obligations.

The Political Committee referred to the Disarmament Commission an Indian proposal for an "armament trust," pending conclusion of a disarmament treaty. Under the Indian proposal the big powers would level off their armament production.

—United Press.

ADENAUER THANKS AMERICA

Washington, Oct. 27.

The West German Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, arrived here today and expressed the "deepest gratitude" to the United States for its role in supporting his nation's "final acceptance into the community of free peoples."

Dr. Adenauer said it had been uncertain for a long time how Germany would participate in defence of the free world.

"We hope that these doubts and this uncertainty have now passed," he said.

The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, said in a formal welcome at the airport that he was greeting Dr. Adenauer on behalf of the President and the American people.

Mr. Dulles expressed the conviction that everywhere Dr. Adenauer went in the United States he would "receive the warm welcome of the people" who recognized the German leader's contribution at the recent Paris conference. Mr. Dulles said this meeting and Dr. Adenauer's role contributed to the strength of Western Europe.

FIRM VOICE

Immediately after Mr. Dulles finished his statement of welcome, the Chancellor began reading in a firm, slow voice his prepared statement, in which he expressed the hope that the uncertainty about Germany's status in the Western world was now ended.

When he finished, an interpreter repeated his remarks in English and while this was being done, numerous persons approached the Chancellor to shake his hand and whisper greetings.

Mr. Dulles and Dr. Adenauer then left the terminal together. —United Press.



Queen Ingrid and her fourteen-year-old daughter Princess Margrethe—here appearing to the Danish throne, arrive at London Airport. They are to stay with Lady Patricia Ramsay at Windlesham, Surrey. The Queen will arrange for her daughter to attend a British school. —Express Photo.

German Opposition Oppose Saar Settlement

Bonn, Oct. 27.

Mr. Ollenhauer, West German Social Democratic Opposition leader, said today the Franco-German statute for the Europeanisation of the Saar would worsen, rather than improve, Franco-German relations.

His statement said the Paris agreements, under which West Germany is to get sovereignty and set up a national army, represented "the heaviest burdens" for her.

Dr. Konrad Adenauer had turned down the Social Democrat's offer of a joint programme aiming at German reunification through new four-power talks and have signed agreements that renounced a constructive policy of European co-operation, Mr. Ollenhauer said.

He said the majority of the Labour members present at their committee meeting feel that the Opposition party must insist, during the next week's debate in the Commons on the agreement, on "parallel" negotiations with the Soviet Union for the eventual reunification of Germany.

According to the Parliamentary lobby reports, the majority of the Opposition will vote in favour of ratification, but it is expected that the left-wing group led by Aneurin Bevan, will vote against it. —France-Press.

ADDED EXPENSE

London, Oct. 27. Britain's new Defence Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan, acknowledged in the House of Commons today that the restoration of West German sovereignty would mean added military expenses for the British.

He would not, however, confirm the contention of former Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Gaitskill, that the end of the West German occupation would involve a loss of from £70,000,000 to £150,000,000 annually to the British Treasury.

Mr. Macmillan confirmed previously published reports of decried German financial contributions to the cost of troop upkeep after the ratification of the Paris agreements.

He said the Germans would not be expected to pay indefinitely for British forces. However, he pointed out that the eventual increased cash expenses would be due not to Britain's new military commitments on the Continent but solely to the ending of the occupation status. —France-Press.

LABOUR IN FAVOUR

London, Oct. 27. The Foreign Affairs Committee of the British Labour Party's Parliamentary group

Warm Welcome

Jannina, Greece, Oct. 27. A Greek woman taken to Hungary as a hostage by the Communists threw vitriol in her husband's face on her repatriation to Jannina.

She declared that he had abandoned their young daughter and had lived with another woman in his wife's absence. —China Mail Special.

'ATOM' FLOWERS GROW IN BRITAIN

London, Oct. 27.

Strange plants and flowers from the atomic weapon testing grounds in Australia are growing in a greenhouse at Hayes, Kent.

The seeds were brought home by Mr. F. L. Hill, of Westfield Drive, Hayes, a member of the British atomic weapons team who went to Australia for test explosions in 1952 and 1953.

He said today: "The atomic areas are largely unexplored, so I thought my trip there would be an opportunity to 'collect' plants, insects, and so on."

A LIZARD, INSECTS

"I put the idea to the Natural History Museum and the Royal Botanical Gardens, whose officials provided me with equipment."

Among specimens brought back by Mr. Hill was a lizard and a dozen insects of species unknown to scientists.

His plants and flowers won him a medal for exhibits of exceptional botanical or scientific interest at a Royal Horticultural Society show. —(London Express Service)

Sino-Indian Air Route Via Hongkong

New Delhi, Oct. 27.

India was understood today to have reached a reciprocal agreement with China to run air services between the two countries.

The agreement was believed to have resulted from Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's visit to Peking.

The agreement may take a long time to be implemented, as many details have yet to be worked out. It seems likely to provide for extension to Canton of the Air-India International Service which now terminates at Hongkong. In return, China would be allowed to run an air service to India.

Talks for an Indian-Japanese air pact for Calcutta-Tokyo have also been under way. —United Press.

NO DETAILS

The representative of Air-India in Hongkong said this morning he had heard about the extension of the Company's route to Canton, but he did not have any details. At any rate, it would be impossible to say at present when this extension could materialize, he added.

An official of the Civil Aviation Department, in reply to inquiries, said that the extension of the route to Canton would be decided by the Government of India.

Ex-U.S. Army Sergeant Re-indicted

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 27. John David Provoo, former U.S. Army sergeant convicted of collaborating with the enemy while in a World War II Japanese prison camp, was re-indicted by a Federal Grand Jury today on treason charges.

Provoo was sentenced to life in prison following his first conviction, but the New York Federal Court of Appeals set the verdict aside. It said he should have been tried here instead of in New York. The Court also said Provoo was improperly examined by Government attorneys.

The Government took the case before a special Grand Jury in Baltimore rather than appeal to a higher Court.

BUDDHIST ROBES

The indictment handed down today covered almost all the original charges. The 36-year-old former sergeant was alleged to have donned the robes of a Buddhist priest and offered his services to the Japanese while attempting to persuade fellow prisoners to give information to the enemy.

Specifically, the Government charged that Provoo gave information to Japanese military forces on Corregidor, he required an American Army sergeant to remove his boots before the sergeant was beaten by the Japanese, and he gave information to the Japanese which resulted in the death of an American captain. —United Press.

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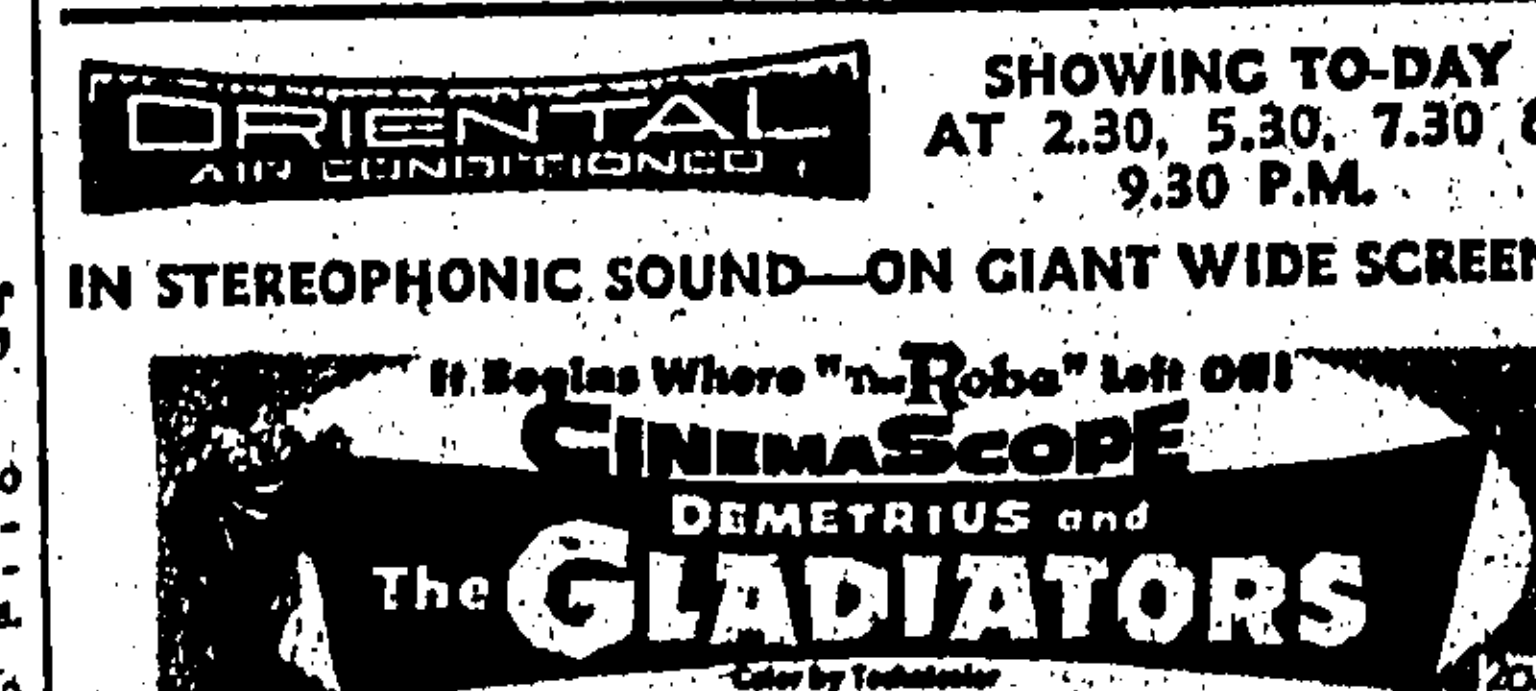
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Heartbeats Trap Gunner

New York, Oct. 27. A New York city policeman has proved his theory that crime, like love, makes the heart beat faster.

Patrolman Kenneth Ford solved a crime in 10 minutes by arresting two brothers with pounding heartbeats. He had been informed by police radio that two armed thugs had beaten and robbed a Chinese laundryman in the Bronx. Only a vague description of the hold-up men had been given.

Ford and his patrol-car partner found a group of 10 young boys on a street corner about four blocks from the scene of the crime.

Patrolman Ford placed his hand above the heart of each youth. He picked out the brothers. Later they confessed. —London Express Service.

Protest Over Arms For Arab States

New York, Oct. 27.

Republican candidates Senator Irving M. Ives and Representative Jacob K. Javits have urged that the United States refrain from supplying arms to Arab states in the absence of a Near East Security agreement, it was disclosed today.

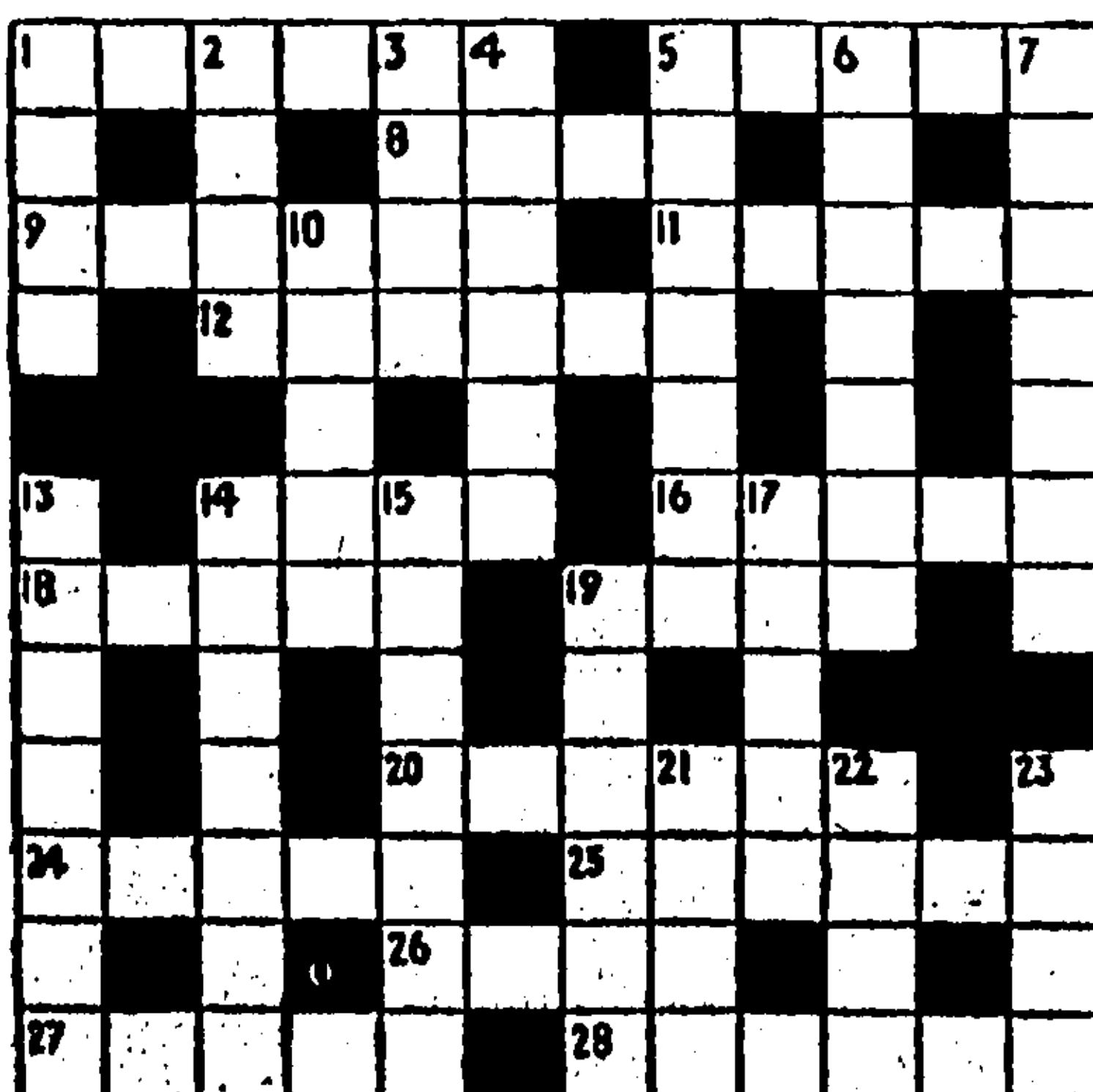
The two officials, Republican candidates for New York Governor and Attorney-General respectively, wrote the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, that they had hoped to defer the question until after the November 2 election but could not do so because of the "urgency of the situation."

PROFOUND CONVICTION

"It is our profound conviction that this whole matter must be decided in terms of the security of the United States and the free world, and that Israel deserves the utmost consideration, as a dependable element of the free world security, and a hard, tough centre of defence against Communism in the Near East."

Sen. Ives and Mr. Javits said they considered the extension of military assistance to the Arab countries in the Near East a "grave matter" in view of the continued state of war between Israel and the Arab states. —United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Disagree (6).
 - Aroma (6).
 - Head (4).
 - Veto (6).
 - Antic (6).
 - Homicide (6).
 - Beesley (4).
 - Tendency (6).
 - Commerce (6).
 - Peruse (6).
 - Gave a gratuity (6).
 - Angler's basket (6).
 - Striking an attitude (6).
 - Pitcher (4).
 - Subsequently (6).
 - Protect (6).
- DOWN**
- Crazy (4).
 - Stable (4).
 - Eastern potato (4).
 - Conundrum (6).
 - Hide (7).
 - Laid bare (7).
 - Filaments (7).
 - Erect (6).
 - Cut-out pattern (7).
 - Sincere (7).
 - Colonist (7).
 - Local tux (6).
 - Kidnapped (6).
 - Minute passage in skin (4).
 - Used in some games (4).
 - Grew old (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across 1. Cocoa, 4. Fracas, 8. Rejoice, 10. April, 12. Terror, 14. Impulse, 17. Lane, 19. Spoiled, 20. Clenda, 22. Akin, 23. Riposte, 27. Letter, 30. Budge, 32. Sleeve, 34. Dancer, 35. Rally, 36. Doves, 37. Cheap, 38. Abuse, 39. Blow, 40. Current, 41. Solved, 42. Dessert, 43. Pollen, 44. Replies, 45. Bait, 46. Abuse, 47. Show, 48. Current, 49. Akin, 50. Price, 51. Mourn, 52. Duly, 53. Fair.

IT'S COOK-AS-YOU-GO ON NEW RAIL CARS

Britons save money on trip across Canada

Vancouver, Oct. 27.

There is a cook-as-you-go system on the railways here. Hundreds of British immigrants are making good use of it. It is the most economical way to travel on the 24,000-mile government-owned Canadian National Railway system.

It takes four days to travel from Montreal to Vancouver. With meal prices in the dining car never less than \$50 dollars (17s. 6d.), it is an expensive proposition for a family. On the trip from Montreal to Vancouver, a family of four can save \$100 by using the cook-as-you-go system. The family can cook their own meals.

units of modern all-steel passenger equipment going into service this year. The cost is much less than the standard coaches and there is a kitchen in each car to allow travellers to cook their own meals.

The kitchens contain toasters, coffee pots, kettles and ice boxes. The stoves have their own

silverware and spoons. They boiled eggs and made soup, toast, custard for fruit, etc. The atmosphere in the dining car is by far the most cheerful of the Canadian National Railway system.

Plumbing Stumps Our Professor

By LOUISE REID

PROFESSOR ARNOLD TOYNBEE, a handsome and silver-haired, a vigorous 66-year-old, sat back in his Earl's Court house, fidgeted rather with his fingers, and thought back aloud over the 33 years it has taken him to complete his three-million word "Study of History," whose final volumes (VII to X) are published this week.

There have been landmarks on the way. One was in 1948. In that year an abridgement of his first six volumes was brought out by D. C. Somervell in collaboration with Professor Toynbee. It sold nearly a quarter of a million copies in America—second best seller of the year. "Somebody worked it out that they'd reach eight times the height of the Empire State Building. Oh, was it only seven, darling?"

Laughed aloud

Mrs Toynbee, plump, easy and grey-suited, a few years younger than her husband, was almost sure it was eight. Whatever the reckoning, Toynbee knew that year into the super-tax class "but it would take me a month to work out exactly how much I received and paid."

Is he, then, the world's highest-paid historian? He laughed out loud at this novel idea. "I've never thought of that. Now who is there? Very few historians make much money. There's Neale, of course. He made enough to buy a house out of his Queen Elizabeth book. Mrs Toynbee broke in loyally

★ **HE HAS the knowledge and the brains to write a three-million-word history. Its volumes would stretch to seven, maybe eight, times the height of the Empire State Building. He speaks six languages, writes poetry in Greek. But if something happens to the bathroom tap... well! "Now, those American intellectuals," he says, "I admire them tremendously. They are wonderful plumbers."**

"Well, darling, you made enough out of your abridgement to buy the cottage, didn't you?"

The cottage, five rooms, 17th century, is near Kirby Lonsdale. The Toynbees try to get down there for a month in the summer, work and world tours permitting.

In addition to his royalties he has his salary of £1,050 a year as Director of Studies at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House. "This regular salary made the 'Study of History' possible. Chatham House have been wonderful." Last year he had a travel grant of £4,200 from the Rockefeller Foundation. "Rockefeller have been wonderful, too."

Whatever his income, it is unlikely that the Toynbees will ever go in for lavish living. It is not in the family tradition.

His father started in the tea business but decided he "wanted to do something more social" and took up social work. There wasn't too much money.

His mother (in the earliest batch of Newnham degrees)

wrote her first history—"just a little thing for schools"—in order to pay young Arnold's nurse. "She got £25 for it—a year's salary for a nurse in those days. She very nearly did not get anything for it, because the firm went bankrupt soon after the book was published."

Poetry in Greek

Professor Toynbee insisted that I played on. He said, "I feel rather strangely about this. You see, it once happened to me. When I was at the Foreign Office during the first world war, Lord Curzon once called me round to Carlton House Terrace about some Foreign Office papers and kept me waiting while he worked through a large luncheon tray. Of course, he was always in pain. One had to make allowances. But I made up my mind then never to do that to anyone."

Professor Toynbee has no food fads. "I'm really a Mediterranean man. My favourite meal is cheese, black olives, a glass of wine and plenty of bread. I really eat an awful lot of bread. In Japan I was lost. They haven't even got a word for bread, and I couldn't get used to a bowl of messy rice as a substitute."

This "Mediterranean man," out of Winchester and Balliol, reads and speaks Greek, Latin, French, German, Turkish and Arabic—"just a little Arabic really"—but "feels" always in Greek. He writes poetry in Greek because "one is too shy to express oneself in one's own tongue."

In New York he shops in modern Greece, "because most of the grocers are from Greece and love to have a talk." In London he doesn't shop at all. Mrs Toynbee is not absolutely sure she could trust him. Just occasionally he becomes the absent-minded professor.

Suits mixed

"Last week he got two suits mixed up, went down to Chatham House in odd jacket and trousers. I had to send him home to change," added his wife, who had worked with him at Chatham House for 30 years, "because he had rather an important luncheon that day, and wanted to look his best."

He has other imperfections, as he well knows. He cannot remember how to make a pot of tea, and he is no sort of handyman. When the bathroom tap came away in his wife's hand and left her with a gusher of near-boiling water, he had no idea what to do. He says, "Now American intellectuals are wonderful plumbers. I admire them enormously. Wonderful family men, too."

Professor Toynbee is not a bad family man himself. With eight grandchildren he gets plenty of practice.

His only hobby is walking. "Whenever I see a hill I must get to the top. Hills up to 700 metres, that is! I sometimes overtake the postman on the way to the surrounding country clearly. All of it. Not just the bit you see on the ground."

He admits this is "psychological." It is the way he looks at history. His wife says: "He must always see everything. He always has always he always has to sit in the draughtiest seats so that he can see better." In London he likes to travel on bus tops. He has no car and could not drive one if he had.

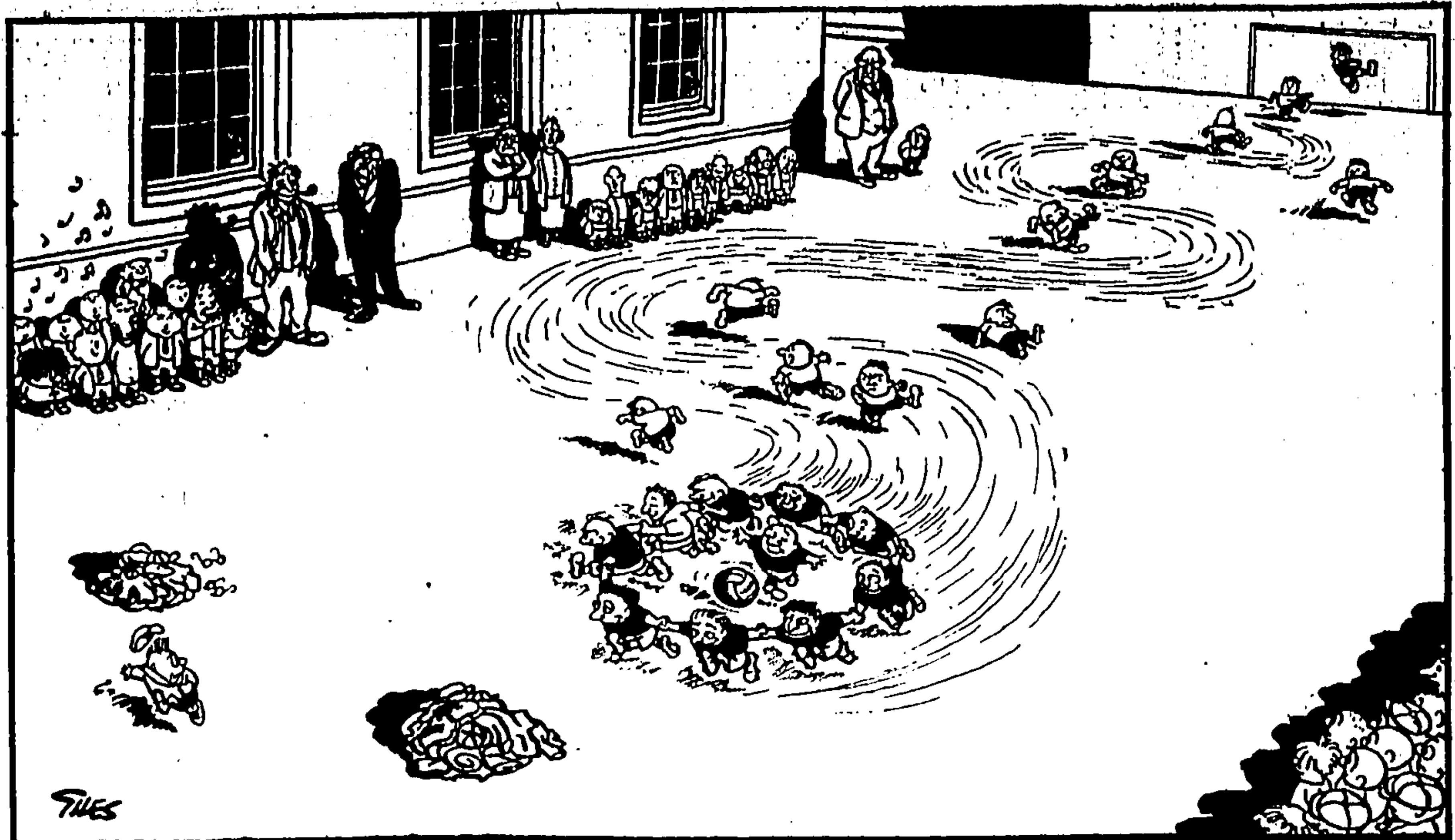
Swan song

Toynbee expects to retire from Chatham House next year, he thinks. It's a good thing, too. "People tend to stay on until they get gas in if they're not made to leave."

His swan-song in that quarter will be a history of the last war, Chatham House has had a £250,000 grant from the Rockefeller Foundation for this purpose. After that a further Rockefeller grant will take him lecturing to Japan and Peru.

The Australian Government also have him lined up for lectures. And somewhere he will find time to finish his 100,000-word "History of Religion" and start a new "History of Greek Civilisation."

He has no intention of ever retiring to the country. He has work to keep him busy until he's 90.



"I trust you're restricting your form's Dynamo tactics to the playing fields, Mr. Wilms?"

London Express Service

DON IDDON'S DIARY

THE phrase here is New York, Tuesday. The election campaign is "hotting up." Mr Charles Wilson, Secretary of Defence and ex-head of General Motors at a \$500,000-a-year salary, who sustained major burns by his inept reference to America's unemployed as "dogs," will agree.

It wasn't so much that Mr Wilson made an unfortunate analogy—any blunt man can make a blunder—it was that Wilson, in one phrase, focused the whole country's attention on its unemployed.

Jobless Millions

THERE are approximately 3,000,000 unemployed in the United States today, but the country has 160,000,000 population, a booming economy, and tens of thousands of the idle frequently get jobs for short periods.

One of the main strategies of the Republican

campaign has been to gloss over the unemployment figures, to pretend that the jobless just don't exist, and that the Democrats, particularly Adlai Stevenson, were prophets of doom and gloom when they mentioned unemployment.

But now Wilson, with his folksy, foot-in-the-mouth manner, has spotlighted the entire unemployment problem, and are being hurled at every speaker on every political platform.

Today, Eisenhower and the men around him are again not acting coolly or methodically. The Wilson incident put fear in their veins, the Democratic landslide in Alaska chilled them further, and reports of the straw polls, forecasting a victory for Averell Harriman for Governor of New York State and possible capture of both the House of Representatives and the Senate by the Democrats, have put them in a near panic.

The President has now come out with a show of aggression, urging the Republican candidates "to run scared," which means "Do your damndest and don't take anything for granted."

Pageantry

THE candidates hardly need the advice. They are scared. They are clinging the old charge of "corruption, Communism, and Korea" at the Democrats, but their listeners want to know about the pockets of unemployment, the vanished overtime money which was so plentiful during Truman's Administration, the growing failure of small businesses (218 collapse every week), the troubles of the farmers.

The Republicans are in deep trouble. There will be something like a civil war in the party if they are defeated, and men like Joseph McCarthy, William Knowland, the Senator from California (or is it Formosa?), and other extreme

Right-Wingers will reach out to seize power.

Eisenhower himself will be a Republican President with a Democratic Congress.

Outwardly there is plenty of colour and pageantry. Candidates are going around leading elephants, the symbol of the Republican Party, or donkeys, the symbol of the Democratic Party; they are posing with bathing belles and babies, on turkey farms, munching watermelons, holding big fish, and waving torches from the motorcades and sound-trucks which parade the avenues.

The campaign is more than "hotting-up"—it is blazing.

There is a tremendous battle on another front, too, between the giant General Motors and the fabulously wealthy and recently reorganised Ford organisation.

Chrysler, which also make De Sotos and Plymouths run a lagging third, and the independents are merging

(Studebaker and Packard recently joined forces) to try to survive.

The new models are going on display, and never have the customers had bigger value for their money. Prices are being slashed all along the line.

Today in the United States even the cheapest car has automatic transmission—you don't need to change gear. The latest taxis—Fords and Plymouths and Chevrolets—in New York City have no clutches and change gear automatically.

So I have read with surprise the trumpeting by some British firms that they now are introducing a no-clutch car. They should have done so years ago.

Progress

HAVEN'T we been a little slow adapting new developments? The Americans had the gear lever attached to the steering column long before the war. After the war they scrapped it and introduced automatic drive.

They sank the headlights into the mudguards, or fenders, years ago. Today many American cars have power steering, a wonderful boon; the wrap-around windshield which eliminates the blind spot, greatly increasing visibility; power brakes, electrically operated windows and front seats; electrically operated canvas tops in the case of convertibles, the automatic eye which automatically dips headlights, safety-first mammoth rear braking lights, and half a dozen other developments.

I hope we will not be proclaiming them in our models years from now.

Publicity

THERE are two big openings on Broadway this week, one a play, the other a film. Mary Martin and Cyril Ritchard make their bow in "Peter Pan" after tremendous advance publicity, and Stewart Granger stars in the film "Beau Brummell." Quite a week, for Britain.

Almost the entire cast of "Beau Brummell" is British—Granger himself, Elizabeth Taylor, Robert Morley, Peter Ustinov, James Hayter, and James Donald. And Cyril Ritchard is one of Australia's best exports.

Since I wrote about Angela Lansbury, the English girl has got more offers. Danny Kaye, who loves Lansbury, will feature her in "Court Jesters," his next production.

Marion Brando—his name is in the biggest lights. I have ever seen in "Broadway" the star of "On the Waterfront" swan to make "The King and I" and co-star with Yul Brynner. A good combination.

The Old Vic Company made nearly \$300,000 in New York with its "Midsummer Night's Dream" despite the fact that the company had been in the States for only a few days.

Sam White's Paris Newsletter

Thorez Misses The Front Page

AN interesting event passed almost unnoticed in Paris the other day. The French Communist daily newspaper L'Humanite failed to publish a picture of its ailing chief Maurice Thorez when he returned from three months' convalescence behind the Iron Curtain.

Nor did L'Humanite publish the customary "Welcome to our Beloved Leader," spread over its front page.

To anyone aware of the fanatical political care with which L'Humanite is edited, and its accurate reflection of inter-party feuds, this omission has great significance and probably foreshadows Thorez's elimination from the top councils of the party.

DESPERATELY ILL

This in itself would not be surprising for the 64-year-old once burly ex-minister is desperately ill, partially paralysed and for the past year has been in

Paris, capable of working more than two hours a day.

What is surprising is that the pedestal on which he seemed to be so securely set as the party's national figurehead appears to be shaking. For Thorez is without doubt French Communism's greatest single asset—a national figure deeply revered by the nearly six million Frenchmen who steadfastly vote Communist year after year.

HONEYMOON OVER

What is in fact happening inside the party is a serious struggle between two groups, one consisting largely of party hacks who cling around Thorez and the other led by the brilliant parliamentarian, Jacques Duclos, and a formidable TV boss, Benoit Franchon.

Thorez himself is an embittered, largely disillusioned man hanging on grimly to life, and the shreds of his lifelong faith.

As for the party itself, it has received something of a jolt since Mendes-France came to power.

The end of the war in Indo-China and its campaign against

German rearmament broke down to some extent its isolation in Parliament and the country.

An anti-EDC Frenchman had more in common with a Communist than with a political ally supporting EDC.

The end of the Indo-Chinese war, too, rendered more or less "respectable" the party's long treasonable campaign against it.

But now with German rearmament a fact, the brief and tepid honeymoon with Premier Mendes-France is over.

On the Government side, too, revelations of the scandal over national defence secrets—a scandal in many ways more embarrassing to the extreme Right than to the extreme Left—will be used as an occasion for strong and carefully planned anti-Communist measures.

HELLO AND FAREWELL

AFTER three years' absence from the Paris stage 20-year-old singer Line Renaud is performing at the Moulin Rouge.

After 35 years in show business, Maurice Chevalier is staging his farewell one-man show in Paris.

Chevalier tells me that after the war he will only perform

for television and has signed a contract with commercial TV interests in Britain.

Mlle. Renaud, despite her infrequent stage appearances, sells more records of her songs than any other French musical singer. She sings with equal facility in French and English.

On stage she wears a simple black frock with a pleated skirt. She is always accompanied by her husband, Loulou Gaston, a guitarist and he composes most of her songs.

DOG SETTLES IT

GENERAL LORD ISMAEL, whose desire to leave his post as Secretary-General of NATO and to retire to his farm in England is well known, has now inadvertently put an end to rumours that he will retire this year.

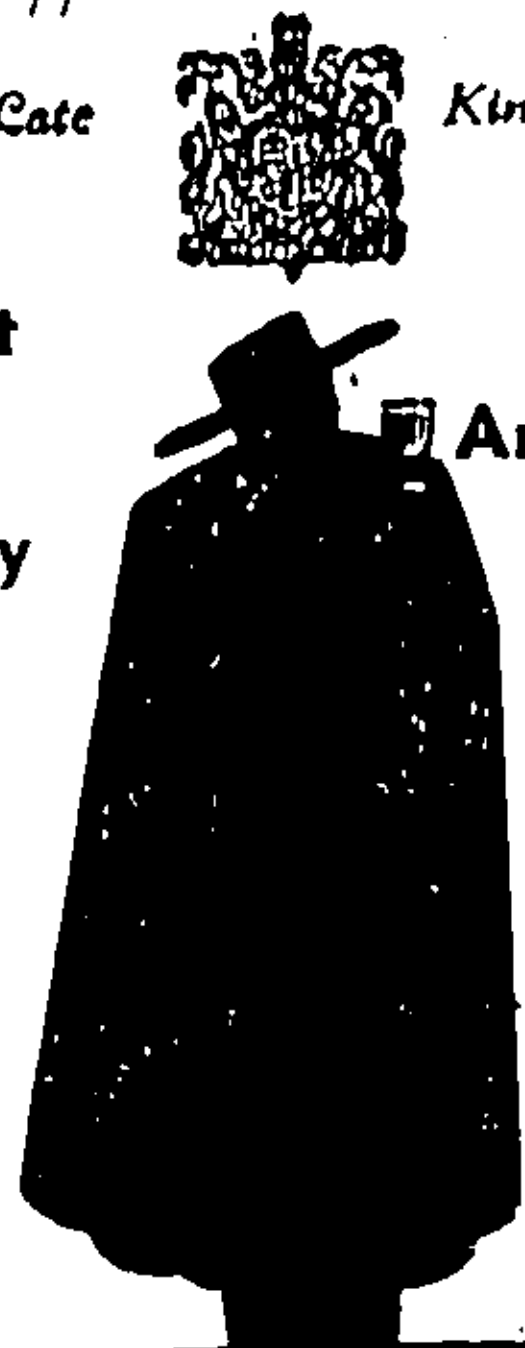
REASON: He returned from a visit to England recently with his four-year-old Golden Retriever, Gem, which he had previously kept on his farm.

With six months' quarantine necessary before he could take the dog back to England, Ismael is now considered certain to stay at his post well into the New Year.

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by Beachcomber

NOT content with the movements of non-existent eggs (see *Teufelsdräcker's Statistische Jahrbuch und Vierteljahrbericht*), the *Heringsgänger* from the *Zusammenfassung vom Reichskohlenrat* (*Gesellschaftswirtschaft*) we are now to have invisible braces worn under the shirt instead of over it.

They will, it is hoped, alleviate the sufferings of those wives to whom a pair of braces is the last word in vulgarity. I can imagine a lady of taste and refinement having her aesthetic sense outraged by ordinary braces. But surely she recovers her poise when confronted with a pair of Old Harroldian or MCC braces. Or does she expect a Guards officer to wear his braces under his shirt, and his shirt outside his trousers? And with there be no brace, for authorities without vests, to be worn under the sportsman's shirt?

The braces question

THE whole question should be thrashed out at the next meeting of the Worshipful Company of Braces Manufacturers. To sneer at a youngster's braces warps his nature, and makes him an enemy of society. He ends by defiantly tying his breeches up with old string. He would do better to swallow his pride and purchase a Leander or Old Etonian pair at a chain-shop (see *Joanquin Varela Trinitas para Sustener los Pantalones*, "Wet Paint").

pp. 81-86; and *Proust: Recherche des Brevettes Perdus*.)

No flies on China

THE theory that the 600,000,000 Chinese are so happily occupied in exterminating flies in their own country that they will have no time to attack anyone, does credit to Mr. Attlee's comic genius. It is now known that the little affairs in Korea and Indo-China were undertaken during a temporary lull in the anti-fly campaign.

Here, there and everywhere

A DONKEY trod on the glass in a bath-house in Northern Turkey, and fell through landing on its feet among the bathers. It was afterwards found that the donkey belonged to a naval surgeon.

PAULI PAUTIMI, a Finn on holiday in Roxburghshire, fell from an apple tree yesterday, and landed on his head—but in his own hat, which he had left upturned on the grass. The hat broke his fall, but his fall broke the hat.

OPENING her back door, Mrs. Flint, of Westoke-buildings, S.E.46, fell over a sack. The sack contained stamp-albums, believed to have been stolen. The sack was labelled "Wet Paint".

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

BORN today, you are bound to have an exciting and eventful life. Sometimes things will go along very happily, and at others, they appear to be horrid. In your path, there are insurmountable stars which have indicated that at times your path will be smooth and at others, very rough. You must, however, be gentle and sympathetic to those who are in your path. You must be gentle and sympathetic to those who are in your path. You must be gentle and sympathetic to those who are in your path.

on dramatic importance in your life. Gentle and sympathetic, you should have an extremely happy home life. One of the lessons you need most to learn is that of being practical. You must be practical in your own good. Dreams are all right, but you must have a plan. When you must exercise good, common sense. One of those who were born on this date are Erasmus, scholar and philosopher; James Byrnie, educator; Chokwe, leader of the non-violent movement; Anne E. Dickinson, author; James Cook, explorer; and Hans Egede, missionary. To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

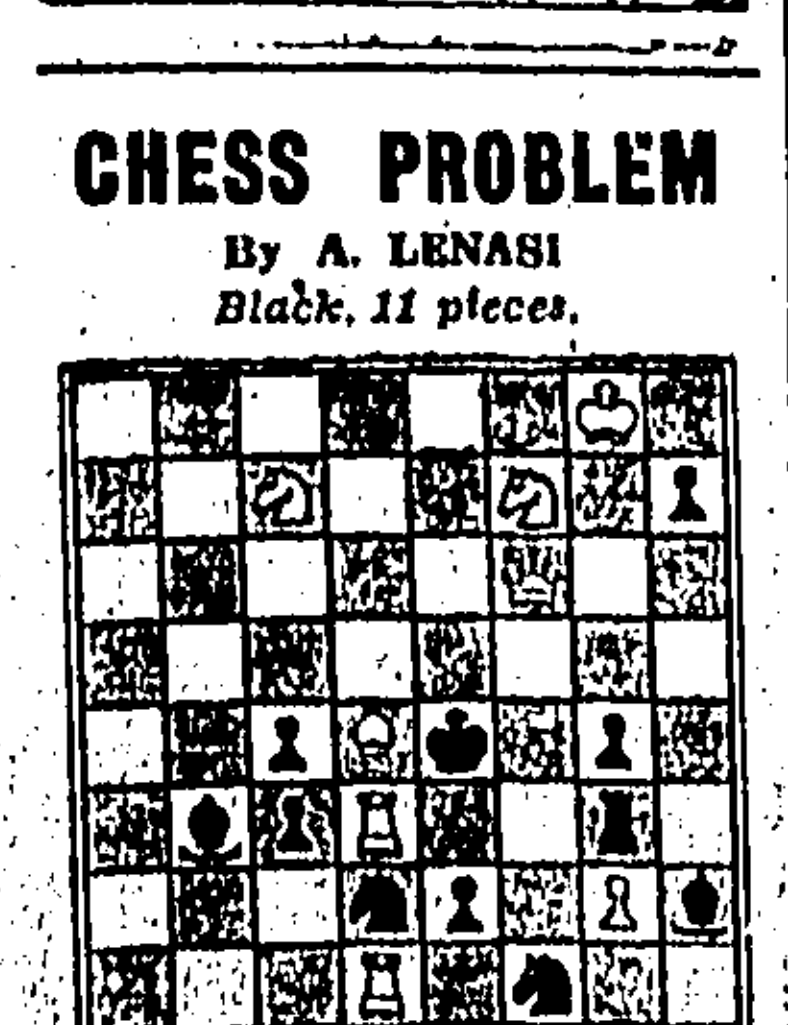
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DUMB-BELLS
I HEARD THAT YOU BARELY ESCAPED FROM THE FIRE!
I WAS WEARING PYJAMAS!



White, 8 pieces.
Black, 11 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem: 1. R-R4; 2. B-B2; 3. K-Q4; 4. B-Q4 (ch).

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Get an early start this morning on an important project and you can let down when afternoon comes.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—The day belongs to the integrative along about lunch time. Get to your best before the sun sets.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—You should be able to do about as you wish now. Affairs are the office if you are a working girl, should be good.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Business matters are fine. But don't make an attempt to combine business and pleasure. It won't work.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—If you are driving in heavy traffic, late this afternoon (off for a week-end in the country) just be patient.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—If your temper is uneven, it may be because of ill health. Take care of that and your moods will improve.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23)—Having the courage of your convictions, even if they are not the ordinary, conventional kind, is most important.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Be constructive and progressive in your work, but don't make the mistake of becoming arrogant or dominating.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—The road to romance is a little thorny right now. You need tact and diplomacy to keep the peace.

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• JACOBY ON BRIDGE •

Follow This Moral: Win Many Hands

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN today's hand was played South had an excellent opening bid of one club. West saw no reason to act since his best suit had already been bid by the enemy, North, with only one point in high card strength, very properly passed.

East smelled a rat, as well he might. He properly decided to reopen the bidding, but was afraid to open with a double for fear of encouraging his partner to make a doubtful pass for penalties. East couldn't tell, of course, that West was loaded for bear even at the lowly level of one club.

When East reopened the bidding with one spade, South should pass and leave the field to the enemy. South has only 15 points in high cards, and his partner cannot have more than five, since he has failed to respond.

Hence North and South cannot have more than 20 of the 40 points in the deck, which means that East and West are bound to have at least 20 points. The hand clearly belongs to the opponents, and South should get out while the getting is good.

When the hand was played in a recent New York tourna-

NORTH		2
♠	A 10 8 4 2	
♥	10 7 5 3	
♦	8 2	
♣		
WEST		
♠	A K	
♥	7	
♦	K Q J 10	
♣	A 10 9 7 5	
EAST		
♠	Q J 8 8 4	
♥	A 10 5 3	
♦	9 8 4	
♣	A	
SOUTH (D)		
♠	7 5 5 2	
♥	K Q	
♦	A 2	
♣	K Q J 4 3	
North-South vul.		
South	West	North
1 ♠	Pass	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠ A		

ment, South unwisely bid two clubs. West pounced on this bid with a prompt double and South was in for it.

West opened the ace of spades, but switched to the ten of clubs when he saw the dummy. South won with the jack of clubs and returned a spade, but West took the spade trick and led the nine of clubs to South's queen.

South prevented declarer from ruffing in the dummy, and South could manage to get only three trump tricks and the ace of diamonds. The penalty for being set four vulnerable was 1,100 points, far more than the value of the non-vulnerable game that East and West would have bid if South had kept quiet.

The moral is quite clear. If your partner can't respond to your opening bid, beware of making any rebids.

♥ CARD Sense ♥

—He Called on the Friends of His Friends—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy-with the turned-about name, was taking a walk. It was a lovely day, sparkling with sunshine, rustling with leaves, singing with birds, buzzing with bees.

At the corner of the street, Knarf met his friend, Poley the Poodle.

"Hello, Poley," said Knarf.

"Hello, Knarf," said Poley. "I'm going visiting. Would you like to go visiting with me?"

"Yes," said Knarf. "I'd like very much to go visiting with you. I'm going to visit all my friends who live on this street," said Poley.

So, one by one, Knarf visited all of Poley's friends who lived on the street. The first friend was a greyhound. The second friend was a bloodhound. The third friend was a wolfhound. The fourth friend was a foxhound. The fifth friend was a puppy who was so small yet that he didn't know what kind of a hound he was going to grow up to be.

Knarf left Poley the Poodle. At the end of the next street he met the Cat.

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Then Knarf said goodbye to the Sparrow, and when he got to the end of the next street, he finally met a little girl named Jill.

"I'm going to visit all my friends who live on this street," she said to Knarf. "Please come along with me."

So Knarf went along with Jill and do you know who Jill's friends were who lived on the street?

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No Known Technology To Deal With Jap Competition

Manchester, Oct. 27.

A shareholder declared at the annual meeting of the Calico Printers Association here today: "There is no known technology by which Lancashire can deal with Japanese competition."

The shareholder Mr. N.G. McCulloch, added:

"If we abide by the injunctions of those who advise us to modernise the situation, it would still be the same, and while we should be more efficient that efficiency would be sufficient to meet Japanese competition—we are always forced back to the problem of dealing with surplus capacity."

The Chairman, Mr. R. M. Lee, said the Government's attitude favouring the import of Japanese printed cloths into British colonial markets might result in a return to uneconomic production.

In that case, there would be two choices before the industry and the Board of Trade. Either the industry would adopt the recommendations of monopolies commission which would result in cut-throat competition, bringing no reward in the form of increased trade, or they would adopt the policy which the industry considered more logical—the smooth and speedy elimination of surplus capacity.

Earlier, this year, the monopolies commission criticised certain trade practices adopted by the Calico printing industry.—Router.

Gaol Men Are Now Among Best-Sellers

New York, Oct. 27.

Within the forbidding walls of the State Prison of South Michigan, there can be heard these days the clicking of typewriter keys. The convicts have turned authors.

They are writing stories which are read by millions in publications across the United States.

To handle all the outgoing and incoming mail, an inmate Manuscript Committee have been established. The committee also censor all manuscripts.

There are three rules which the convicts must abide by: All submitted manuscripts must be typed on paper sold at the prison; everything must be in "good taste"; and nothing can be written about the prison that cannot be supported by facts.

The prison's busiest writer averages about 200 a month. He was the first to have a book published.—London Express Service.

HIGH AND WET POST OFFICES

New Delhi, Oct. 27.

Models of the highest and the wettest post offices in the world are among exhibits of India's varied postal centres featured at an international stamp and postal exhibition in New Delhi.

The highest post office is claimed to be at Phariang among the Himalayan Mountains on the Tibetan border. The wettest is at Cherrapunji, Assam.

Other interesting models include the horse-drawn travelling post office serving pilgrims visiting the snowy Amarnath shrine in Kashmir, and a camel postal service in the Rajasthan desert.—China Mail Special.

Calculated Pampering A Success At U.S. Army School

By A Special Correspondent

Ansbach, Germany, Oct. 27.

In a difficult army training course here, 90 per cent of success is attributed to "calculated pampering."

Colonel Sol Fink, Commandant of the United States Army Signal School at Ansbach, believes in the psychological approach.

To encourage the men to persevere with their training, he endeavours to remove all, or at least most, of their worries. If a man's family at home are not writing to him, for example, a telegram is sent to Washington asking officials there to get into touch with the relatives and find out whether anything is wrong.

If a man has any problems, these are examined and he is given some money on credit to get on with.

Atomic Weapons Guarantee A Hearing

London, Oct. 27.

Mr. Anthony Hewitt, British Secretary for War, said here today that only three nations—the United States, Britain and Russia—had sufficient industry or industrial strength to support modern weapons.

"If there is a war—and pray heaven there won't be war—it is likely that the main use of weapons and our main potential will rely on what we have made in peace," he added in a talk to businessmen at a London conference.

"War-time production will sink to a very low level indeed—if not a trickle—owing to what the other side is doing to the industries of its opponents."

Mr. Hewitt added that the present was therefore the first time in British history when the country had to set about "a realistic rearmament programme" in times of peace.

"We have reached the stage where the Foreign Secretary, who attends an international conference and is not backed up by nuclear weapons finds his speech is not listened to with the same respect as those who are in that enviable position," he declared.—Reuter.

Everything in the school is geared to that end. Telephones are built in transparent plastic, revealing the works inside, to keep the picture always before the student's eye. Huge scale models and diagrams of the smallest parts of a switchboard are on permanent display.

TESTS
A student may be given a teleprinter with a fault in it, which he has to repair, or he may be asked to put a radio together from its component parts.

The longest of the courses is the radar training. This lasts 18 weeks, and is planned to make the soldier entirely familiar with the latest means of detecting approaching aircraft and pin-pointing them.

The school was founded in December 1949, and 18,500 men (82 per cent of all courses) had been passed out up to June of this year. Eight per cent were taken off courses as not suited to them, three per cent got certificates of attendance (below pass standard), while the rest had to leave the course for reasons beyond their control, such as sickness. A very small percentage of men were expelled for breaches of conduct.

Colonel Fink explained that a serious breach of conduct, which shows that a man lacks integrity, is a high scale consideration for modern signals work. Two or three men, living far away from any other unit and manning a vital communications link, have to be trustworthy to the 10th degree when there is so much at stake.

The jovial, white-haired Colonel is especially proud of the fact that in the last year the percentage of graduates has been brought up to 92 and those expelled for breaches of conduct reduced to less than one per cent.

EYES AND EARS
Colonel Fink does not believe the old saying that to command a battle you need only a high hill and a pair of binoculars. This, he says, is out of date. All you need today is a comfortable armchair and a television set.

So he attaches a tremendous amount of importance to the good training of the eyes and the ears of the army.

As a former cavalryman, knowing most things about horses, Colonel Fink, appears to have debunked another old idea—that you can lead a horse to water but you cannot make him drink.

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When we are privileged with the presence of as great an artist as "Purvis Fournier" one should have no excuse for missing his recital at the "Empire Theatre" on Saturday, Oct 30th at 9.30 pm.
H. Amy Odell

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Passengers are requested to note that the sailing of this vessel has been postponed to a date and time to be announced later. Passengers are consequently requested to contact our passenger department personally or by telephone.

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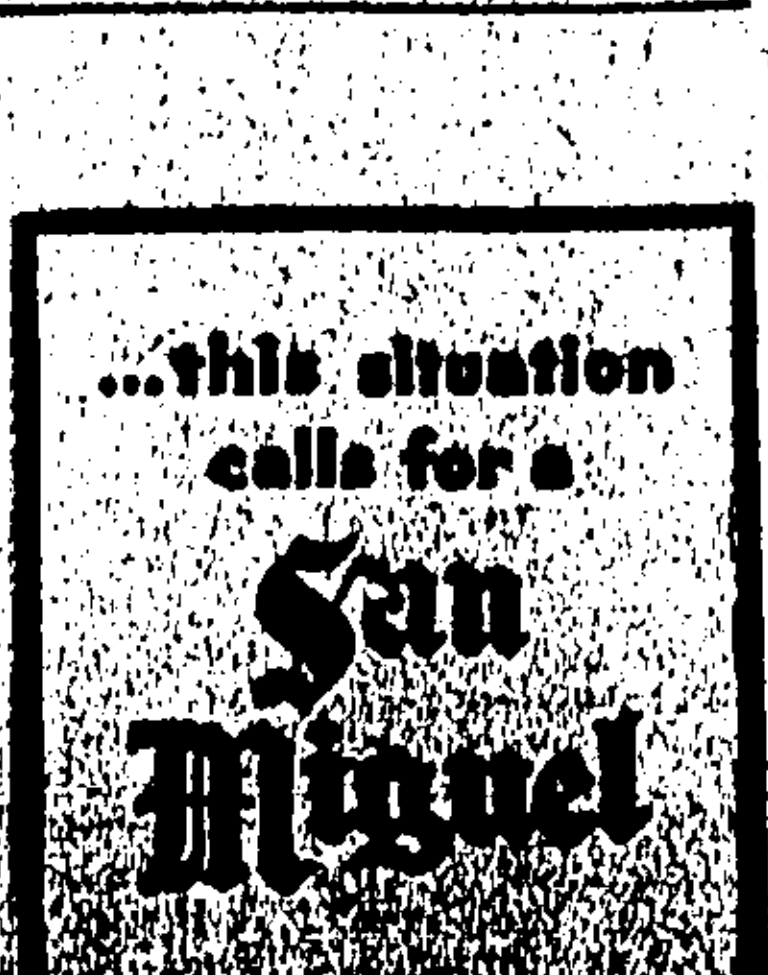
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Closing Stage Of Trial Of HK Student

London, Oct. 27. Counsel at the Old Bailey Central Criminal Court today told a jury that a purported marriage between a 26-year-old Hongkong law student and a 23-year-old Egyptian girl must have been "the strangest, dreariest and most prosaic ever celebrated".

He was defending Jack Sing Ip, a law student who has pleaded not guilty to having unlawfully procured Zennib Ahmed El Shammai for false pretences.

According to the prosecution, Ip met Miss Shammai on board ship while coming to England. In London he proposed marriage and they called at a Registrar's Office on March 31. Afterward Ip told her they were married and they lived together until Miss Shammai made further enquiries and she discovered that Ip had only given notice of marriage at the Registrar's Office.

Turning to the day of the alleged marriage, defending Counsel, Mr. C. G. L. Duane, asked the jury to consider the absence of "so much of a celebration as a cup of coffee".

NO NEW CLOTHES

"There were no new clothes, not even so much as a piece of cake. It must have been the strangest, dreariest, most prosaic marriage ever celebrated."

It took a lot of explaining if the jury were to accept Miss Shammai's story in the absence of these normal circumstances, even accepting she knew little of the language, he added.

Miss Shammai was not an ignorant woman. She was a university student here to study English, sociology and "not a very easy person to deceive by a mere statement that 'we are married'." Mr. Duane said.

Counsel said Ip's character and career were both at stake. "For certainly he will never be allowed to become a solicitor if convicted of this offence."

NOT A HERO

"I cannot put this man before you as a hero or a saint. I cannot put him forward as a wronged young man in his relations with this girl. He has put himself before you as a man who slept with the girl having fallen in love; they both agree on that—who, agreed to marry her, who broke his promise and who was not man enough to say to her that his feelings had changed." Counsel told the jury.

Counsel said the evidence showed that Miss Shammai had lived with Ip from March 29 and had been calling herself Mrs. Ip from that time. The only way Miss Shammai could justify her behaviour in going to live with Ip was by saying that she had been deceived.

"Sometimes it is not so much that the man seduces but that the woman beguiles."

In his closing speech for the Crown, Mr. E. J. P. Cussen, referred to Ip's suggestion that it was the girl's idea that she should go to live with him. "One doesn't blind oneself to the fact that there are young women who have made proposals of that kind to young men in the past and will do so again in the future."

COMES FROM MAN

"The more normal initiative in these matters comes from the man, where there is feeling of affection and devotion growing up between two young people."

Summing up, the judge said that the case was important because in Britain it would be unthinkable that it should be possible for a man to obtain possession of a woman's body by false pretences.

The jury were urged to approach the case with humility, with the realisation of their own limitations and lack of experience, knowing how a British girl would behave, but with no experience of how a young Egyptian woman might behave.

They also had to take into consideration the impulsivity of the Chinese. For although Ip was a British subject he was essentially Chinese.

The jury will consider their verdict tomorrow.—Reuter.

'HONG KONG GIFT BOOK'

The China Mail has received a copy of John and Veronica Storck's "Hong Kong Gift Book", a pictorial publication on Hongkong with colour and black and white pictures, which has just been published. The price is \$2.00.

Foreign Capital Helps Hongkong Property Market

Mr G. E. Marden said here this morning that the Colony's property market had been and remained strong and active — and amongst the causes said to have contributed to this situation was the arrival of foreign capital, particularly from disturbed areas in Southeast Asia which had sought reinvestment here in land and buildings, principally those ripe for development.

He said: "Whether or not this is actually the case, the report is a tribute to the increasing confidence felt in the stability and future of the Colony. Government undoubtedly feel gratification at the effect of its sane and normal progress with improvements, redevelopments and developments, which has contributed so much to this renewed confidence."

As Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. Marden was addressing shareholders at the Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong Realty and Trust Co., Ltd. at Edinburgh House this morning.

Mr. Marden told the meeting: "The cost of building has taken a downward trend in line generally with lower world prices but land values continue to improve."

"During the year our East Point development was completed and apart from a small area which we have decided to retain as a property investment, the whole of the land has been or is being built upon."

SUBSIDIARIES' PROGRESS

"Speaking of our subsidiaries, Harman Realty Co., Ltd. continues to make progress and to improve its facilities for giving service to the public. You will be interested to know that it is currently engaged upon developments on behalf of clients involving very substantial investments."

Marden & Co., Ltd. of Singapore is also increasing its usefulness along somewhat similar lines and bids fair fully to justify our establishment in the Southern Colony.

"Oriental Mortgage continued for a great part of the year to be a useful use for its funds but towards year end this trend was reversed and there is now a more satisfactory activity."

"There were no sales of our Properties during the year but we acquired Marden House in Singapore and the area at East Point to which I have referred. Both are yielding satisfactorily but only part of a year's rental is reflected in the accounts before you."

"Your management has under consideration certain substantial developments of property in respect of which leases (long by local standards) are to be entered into."

Considering the Profit and Loss account, you will observe the reduction in bank interest and the increased amount carried to Appropriation Account principally as a result of the East Point Development. There was a small increase in Property Working Account whilst dividend from subsidiaries remained unchanged.

DISTRIBUTION INCREASE?

"There is reason to anticipate that the subsidiaries may increase their distribution in respect of the current year. The Appropriation Account itself discloses an increase in the carry forward of over two lakhs after providing for the increased amount to be distributed in dividend and the amount to be transferred to specific reserve."

"Turning to the Balance Sheet, you will notice a new item in the Reserve for Depreciation and Amortisation which has been established at just under \$1,295,000 including an amount of \$290,000 transferred from the Appropriation Account. This item was formerly carried as a provision but it is considered that the present form gives a clearer picture and if the amount be deducted from the item of Fixed Assets your property may be considered as conservatively valued. The principal overdraft from our Bankers has been reduced by more than \$3 million — \$2 million being the proceeds of the new issue. The overdraft of \$2,377,000 secured on the East Point property has been completely repaid."

On the assets side, Land & Buildings have been increased by the cost of the two purchases to which I have referred, whilst we have disposed of our quoted investments. You will note the investment reserve against our unquoted investments and this is considered adequate. The amounts due to and from subsidiary companies are included in the consolidated statement of financial position. — United Press and Reuter.

"Sundry debtors now stand at a nominal figure against the substantial one last year and this, too, has contributed to the reduction in our overdraft."

YEAR'S PROFIT

The Company's profit for the year amounts to \$1,191,020 to which must be added the balance of \$164,138 brought forward from 1953. After deducting \$500,000 provision for taxation, and \$200,000 in respect of the interim dividend paid on November 28 last year, there remains a balance available for appropriation of \$1,070,064.

It was resolved during the meeting that a final dividend of 10 cents per share, free of tax, out of profits liable to Corporation profits tax, be paid on 1,000,000 shares, that \$290,000 be transferred to Reserve for Depreciation and Amortisation of Property; and that \$380,064 be carried forward.

The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended April 30, 1954 were unanimously adopted.

Mr. J. D. Clague and Mr. J. L. Marden were re-elected as Directors, while Messrs. Pearl, Marwick, Mitchell and Co. were re-appointed auditors of the Company at a remuneration to be agreed upon by the Directors.

Present at this morning's meeting were: Mr. G. E. Marden, the Hon. C. Blair, Mr. R. P. McEldie, and J. L. Marden, Mr. K. B. Allport, Mrs. A. M. Decker, Mr. W. Darkin, Mr. W. C. Lannaman, and Mr. L. P. Kwok.

Moscow Orders Expulsion Of Diplomat's Wife

London, Oct. 27. Russia charged today that the wife of an American diplomat in Moscow hit a Russian worker in the face and indicated that she would be expelled from Russia for the "act of hooliganism."

Mrs. Sommerlatte was alleged to have committed an "act unworthy of a civilised person."

The report said that a "workman named Andrianov and a school teacher called Leonidov, saw two unknown women trying to take a photograph of a group of children with a house in process of being pulled down, in the background."

Leonidov, seeing that her daughter was among the children, refused to allow the photograph to be taken, and suggested that the two women visit a workers' club in the same road, where they would be able to see more interesting things, more characteristic of the life of the Soviet workers.

SLAPPED VIOLENTLY

"After entering the club, one of the women," said the radio report, "who was later identified as Mrs. Sommerlatte, telephoned her embassy and made for the exit."

"Meeting her at the exit, the workman, Andrianov, tried to explain to her the irregularity of her conduct. Mrs. Sommerlatte slapped him violently across the face and roughly pushed a woman who stood beside her."

"The indignant workers called the military police from the nearest station. A military policeman called Koutoulov then identified the two women. The woman with Mrs. Sommerlatte was Mrs. Elise, wife of the assistant to the American naval attaché."

"Mrs. Sommerlatte, who soon arrived in the club, blurted out on the Soviet Union, which annoyed the persons present."

"Because of these facts," the Radio reported, "the Soviet Foreign Ministry informed the United States embassy by a note that Mrs. Sommerlatte's stay in the Soviet Union was considered undesirable by virtue of her act unworthy of a civilised person." — United Press and Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Wilbur and I never used to like cards, but most of our friends are awfully dull just to sit and chat with!"

FACTORY WORKER CHARGED WITH MURDERING WIFE

Chau Hing, 36, factory worker, appeared on trial before Mr Justice J. Reynolds and a Jury at the Criminal Sessions this morning, charged, with the murder of Wu Yung-siu, his wife.

He was alleged to have set fire to 81 Taiipo Road, second floor, thereby causing the deaths of several people, including his own wife, on May 24.

Accused pleaded not guilty, and a Jury of five men and two women was empanelled.

Mr D. F. O. Mayne, Senior Crown Counsel, appeared for the Prosecution, while Mr P. C. V. Gittins, instructed by Mr P. C. Woo, of Messrs P. C. Woo and Co., represented the accused.

Mr Mayne told the Jury that accused lived with his wife and two small daughters in a room on the right hand side of the verandah of 81 Taiipo Road, second floor. The premises were situated in a very congested area, and the flat itself contained a total of 34 men, women and children.

NOT ON GOOD TERMS

Accused had been living in the premises for some little time, and it appeared that he and his family were not on particularly good terms with their fellow tenants. There were quarrels from time to time, but they were not of such consequences as to give rise to violence.

On the evening of May 23 there appeared to be two separate parties going on in the premises. Accused and his family were invited to one of the parties but did not attend. They had a party of their own and the feast seemed to be quite sumptuous and there was wine. Everything appeared to be well at that time.

SMALL EXPLOSION

Early in the morning of May 24, the inmates were awakened by the sound of a small explosion and saw dense smoke and flame coming from the area just opposite the bunk space of the accused. Some of the inmates made attempts to put out the fire by pouring water on it, but they were not successful. Accused and some were elated with a triangular fire. The conclusion must be drawn, commented Crown Counsel, from accused's action at the time that he was ready to attack anybody who wanted to extinguish the fire.

Very shortly afterwards the accused appeared in Shamshuipo Police Station and there he made a certain report to the Police.

By this time the Fire Brigade arrived and the fire, which was a very fierce one, was eventually extinguished. Mr W. J. Gorman, Chief Fire Officer, entered the premises after this and from what he found formed the view that the reason of the fierceness of the fire and the rapidity with which it spread, that was due to a drum containing a quantity of petrol and water was found and the inference which the Crown said should be drawn from the evidence was that this came from the Fire Brigade house.

Mr Mayne submitted that the Jury, after hearing the evidence, would have no doubt that the fire was lit by the accused with the intention of killing his wife.

His two daughters, and probably himself.

Ho Ching, medical officer, Kowloon Hospital, said a Chinese male named Ng Chung-yim was admitted to the hospital on May 24. The man was suffering from burns and died the next morning. A post-mortem showed the cause of death to be due to extensive burns.

Lam Sze, woman principal tenant of 81 Taiipo Road, second floor, said that Ng Chung-yim, his wife and two sons occupied the left side of the verandah. She told of the two parties held on the premises on May 23. One was given by another family named Ng and this she attended. She later left the house and returned about midnight.

Following further questions, Mr Mayne applied to the Court to treat the witness as hostile, saying that her evidence was contradictory to evidence previously given.

His Lordship remarked he thought it was possible the witness misunderstood Crown Counsel and that she was not very intelligent. He advised the witness to proceed.

Crown Counsel contended that she spoke to accused during the evening and asked him, on seeing that he had laid out a very good meal, whether it was his birthday. Accused said it was. She noticed nothing unusual about accused at the time.

On returning home at midnight, she went to bed and was awakened by the sound of an explosion. She saw fire coming from beneath the accused's bunk space. The fire was very fierce and after shouting for help she left the flat for the street.

The trial is proceeding.

Radio Hongkong

Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.00, Jazz Half Hour presented by Robin Day (Studio); 6.30, Portuguese Half Hour (Studio); 7.00, News (Studio); 7.15, News (Studio); 7.30, News (Studio); 7.45, News (Studio); 8.00, News (Studio); 8.15, News (Studio); 8.30, News (Studio); 8.45, News (Studio); 9.00, News (Studio); 9.15, News (Studio); 9.30, News (Studio); 9.45, News (Studio); 10.00, News (Studio); 10.15, News (Studio); 10.30, News (Studio); 10.45, News (Studio); 11.00, News (Studio); 11.15, News (Studio); 11.30, News (Studio); 11.45, News (Studio); 12.00, News (Studio); 12.15, News (Studio); 12.30, News (Studio); 12.45, News (Studio); 1.00, News (Studio); 1.15, News (Studio); 1.30, News (Studio); 1.45, News (Studio); 2.00, News (Studio); 2.15, News (Studio); 2.30, News (Studio); 2.45, News (Studio); 3.00, News (Studio); 3.15, News (Studio); 3.30, News (Studio); 3.45, News (Studio); 4.00, News (Studio); 4.15, News (Studio); 4.30, News (Studio); 4.45, News (Studio); 5.00, News (Studio); 5.15, News (Studio); 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